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SUBJECT: TREATY IMPLEMENTATION: SURVEY

1. PANAMANIAN AND U.S. COUNTERPARTS (BOTH PANCANAL AND SOUTHCOM) MET TODAY TO ORGANIZE THE SURVEYING SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE JOINT WORKING GROUP. FOR THE TIME BEING ALL MEETINGS ARE TO BE INFORMAL. THIS IS THE SECOND SUBCOMMITTEE TO BE ACTIVATED, THE FIRST BEING THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUBCOMMITTEE.

2. THE PANAMANIAN (ZAMBRANO, SIBAUSTE, ET AL) EXPLAINED THAT REVERSION OF THE CANAL ZONE TO PANAMA REQUIRES DEFINITION OF PARCELS OF LAND WITHIN WHAT IS NOW THE ZONE AND THAT WORK HAS ALREADY BEGUN ON THIS. THE PANAMANIAN NOW WANT TO EXCHANGE TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND HOPEFULLY COME TO AN AGREEMENT ON HOW THE TREATY SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED ON THIS QUESTION. THEY EXPLAINED THAT THEY SEE NO NEED TO DO A GROUND SURVEY OF EVERY BOUNDARY DESCRIBED IN THE TREATY. RATHER, THEY WOULD DO DETAILED WORK ONLY WHEN NECESSARY. THEY PLAN FOR THEIR MAPS TO BE ON A SCALE OF 1:10,000 IN RURAL AREAS AND 1:1,000 IN POPULATED AREAS.

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3. PANCANAL AND SOUTHCOM REPRESENTATIVES INDICATED THAT, IN PRINCIPLE, THEY WERE IN AGREEMENT, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS THE UNDESIRABILITY OF UNDERTAKING VAST GROUND SURVEYS WHICH WOULD BE OF DUBIOUS PRACTICAL VALUE. PANCANAL, HOWEVER, RAISED TWO CAVEATS -- THE USUAL WITH RESPECT TO NO PRE-IMPLEMENTATION, AND AN ADDITIONAL

QUESTION AS TO WHETHER A DETAILED GROUND SURVEY IS NECESSITATED BY THE LANGUAGE IN THE INTRODUCTION TO ANNEX A TO THE AGREEMENT IN IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE III (REFERRING TO "A JOINT SURVEY"). THE PANAMANIANIANS SAID THAT, BY THEIR INTERPRETATION, THE WORD "SURVEY" DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN A GROUND SURVEY; IT COULD BE A DESK SURVEY, ONE BASED ON AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS, A GROUND SURVEY, OR SOME OTHER KIND.

4. THE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL MEET AND DISCUSS TECHNICAL MATTERS AUGUST 1. JORDEN

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